

SEC. 7. The authority contained in this Act shall be in addition to, and shall not limit or supersede, authority contained in existing law with respect to the control, suppression, and eradication of pests, plants, and plant diseases.

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Public Law 530

CHAPTER 722

AN ACT

July 14, 1952
[S. 2128]

To provide for the merger of two or more national banking associations and for the merger of State banks with national banking associations, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the consolidation of national banking associations", approved November 7, 1918, as amended (U. S. C., title 12, secs. 33, 34, and 34a), is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof new sections 4 and 5 to read as follows:

National bank-
ing associations.
40 Stat. 1043; 44
Stat. 1225.

"SEC. 4. (a) One or more national banking associations or one or more State banks, with the approval of the Comptroller, under an agreement not inconsistent with this Act, may merge into a national banking association located within the same State, under the charter of the receiving association.

Merger agree-
ment.

"(b) The merger agreement shall—

"(1) be agreed upon in writing by a majority of the board of directors of each association or State bank participating in the plan of merger;

"(2) be ratified and confirmed by the affirmative vote of the shareholders of each association or State bank owning at least two-thirds of the capital stock outstanding, at a meeting to be held on the call of the directors, after publishing notice of the time, place, and object of the meeting for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper with general circulation in the place where the association or State bank is located, and after sending such notice to each shareholder of record by registered mail at least ten days prior to the meeting, except to those shareholders who specifically waive notice;

"(3) specify the amount of the capital stock of the receiving association which will be outstanding upon completion of the merger, the amount of stock (if any) to be allocated, and cash (if any) to be paid to the shareholders of the association or State bank being merged into the receiving association; and

"(4) provide the manner of disposing of any shares of the receiving association not taken by the shareholders of the association or State bank merged into the receiving association.

"If a merger shall be voted for at the called meetings by the necessary majorities of the shareholders of each association or State bank participating in the plan of merger, any shareholder of any association or State bank to be merged into the receiving association who has voted against the merger at the meeting of the shareholders, or has given notice in writing at or prior to the meeting to the presiding officer that he dissents from the plan of merger, shall be entitled to receive the value of the shares held by him if and when the merger shall be approved by the Comptroller. The value of the shares shall be ascertained, as of the date of the meeting of the shareholders of the association or State bank approving the merger, by an appraisal made by

Dissenting
shareholder.

a committee of three persons, composed of (i) one selected by the vote of the holders of a majority of the stock, the owners of which are entitled to payment in cash; (ii) one selected by the directors of the receiving association; and (iii) one selected by the two so selected. The valuation agreed upon by any two of the three appraisers shall govern. If the value so fixed shall not be satisfactory to any dissenting shareholder who has requested payment, that shareholder may, within five days after being notified of the appraised value of his shares, appeal to the Comptroller, who shall cause a reappraisal to be made which shall be final and binding as to value of the shares of the appellant. If, within ninety days from the date of consummation of the merger, for any reason, one or more of the appraisers have not been selected, or the appraisers have failed to determine the value of the shares, the Comptroller, upon written request of any interested party, shall cause an appraisal to be made which shall be final and binding on all parties. The expenses of the Comptroller in making the reappraisal or the appraisal, as the case may be, shall be paid by the receiving association. The value of the shares ascertained shall be promptly paid to the shareholders by the receiving association, and the shares so paid for shall be surrendered to and cancelled by the receiving association. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply only to shareholders of and stock owned by them in a bank or association being merged into the receiving association.

Receiving asso-
ciation.

"(c) The corporate existence of the merging association or State bank shall be merged into that of the receiving association. All rights, franchises, and interests of the merging association or State bank in and to every type of property (real, personal, and mixed) and choses in action shall be transferred to and vested in the receiving association by virtue of such merger without any deed or other transfer. The receiving association, upon the merger and without any order or other action on the part of any court or otherwise, shall hold and enjoy all rights of property, franchises, and interests, including appointments, designations, and nominations, and all other rights and interests as trustee, executor, administrator, registrar of stocks and bonds, guardian of estates, assignee, receiver, committee of estates of lunatics, and in every other fiduciary capacity, in the same manner and to the same extent as such rights, franchises, and interests were held or enjoyed by any merging association or State bank at the time of the merger, subject to the conditions hereinafter provided.

"Where any merging association or State bank, at the time of the merger, was acting under appointment of any court as trustee, executor, administrator, registrar of stocks and bonds, guardian of estates, assignee, receiver, committee of estates of lunatics, or in any other fiduciary capacity, the receiving association shall be subject to removal by a court of competent jurisdiction in the same manner and to the same extent as was the merging association or State bank prior to the merger. Nothing contained in this section shall be considered to impair in any manner the right of any court to remove a receiving association and to appoint in lieu thereof a substitute trustee, executor, or other fiduciary, except that such right shall not be exercised in such a manner as to discriminate against national banking associations, nor shall any receiving association be removed solely because of the fact that it is a national banking association.

Issuance of
stock.

"(d) Any national banking association which is a receiving association may issue stock, with the approval of the Comptroller and in accordance with law, to be delivered to the shareholders of a merging State bank or national banking association as provided for by a merger agreement, free from any preemptive rights of the shareholders of the receiving association.

"SEC. 5. As used in this Act the term—

"(1) 'State bank' means any bank, banking association, trust company, savings bank (other than a mutual savings bank), or other banking institution which is engaged in the business of receiving deposits and which is incorporated under the laws of any State, or which is operating under the Code of Law for the District of Columbia (except a national banking association located in the District of Columbia);

"(2) 'State' means the several States, the several Territories, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia;

"(3) 'Comptroller' means the Comptroller of the Currency; and

"(4) 'Receiving association' means the national banking association into which one or more national banking associations or one or more State banks, located within the same State, merge."

SEC. 2. Section 3 of the Act of November 7, 1918, as amended (U. S. C., title 12, sec. 34a), is amended by deleting the second paragraph thereof, which reads as follows:

"The words 'State bank', 'State banks', 'bank', or 'banks', as used in this section, shall be held to include trust companies, savings banks, or other such corporations or institutions carrying on the banking business under the authority of State laws."

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Definitions.

Public Law 531

CHAPTER 723

AN ACT

To amend defense housing laws, and for other purposes.

July 14, 1952
[S. 3066]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act be cited as the "Housing Act of 1952".

SEC. 2. Section 217 of the National Housing Act, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 217. Notwithstanding limitations contained in any other section of this Act on the aggregate amount of principal obligations of mortgages or loans which may be insured (or insured and outstanding at any one time) and on the aggregate amount of contingent liabilities which may be outstanding at any one time under insurance contracts, or commitments to insure, pursuant to any section or title of this Act, any such aggregate amount shall, with respect to any section or title of this Act (except section 2), be prescribed by the President from time to time taking into consideration the needs of national defense and the effect of additional insurance authorizations upon conditions in the building industry and upon the national economy: *Provided*, That the dollar amount of the insurance authorization prescribed by the President at any time with respect to any provision of title VI shall not be greater than authorized by provisions of that title: *And provided further*, That, at any time, the aggregate dollar amount of the mortgage insurance authorization prescribed by the President with respect to title IX of this Act, plus the aggregate dollar amount of all increases in insurance authorizations under other titles of this Act prescribed by the President pursuant to authority contained in this section, less the aggregate dollar amount of all decreases in insurance authorizations under this Act prescribed by the President pursuant to authority contained in this section shall not exceed \$1,900,000,000: *And provided further*, That \$400,000,000 of said sum shall be available only for the insurance of mortgages for which no

Housing Act of 1952.

65 Stat. 315.
12 USC 1715h.

General mortgage insurance authorization.

48 Stat. 1246.
12 USC 1703.

55 Stat. 55.
12 USC 1736 et seq.

65 Stat. 295.
12 USC 1750a-1750g.